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SUBJECT: INDO-US COOPERATION IN POPULATION RESEARCH

1. DR. PHILP CORFMAN, CHIEF, POPULATION RESEARCH CENTER, NIH,
AND DR. HEINZ BERENDES, CHIEF, CONTRACEPTIVE EVALUATION
BRANCH, POPULATION RESEARCH CENTER, NIH HAVE JUST COMPLETED A VERY
SUCCESSFUL TWO-WEEK VISIT TO INDIA FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF JOINT
RESEARCH PROJECTS IN AREAS OF MUTUAL INTEREST.

2. AT MEETINGS WITH DR. C. GOPALAN, DIRECTOR GENERAL, INDIAN
COUNCIL OF MEDICAL RESEARCH (ICMR) AND DR. S. TETUJA, DEPUTY
DIRECTOR GENERAL FOR REPRODUCTIVE BIOLOGY, THE TEAM EXPLAINED THE
PURPOSE OF THEIR VISIT TO INDIA WAS TO DEVELOP COOPERATIVE STUDIES
IN THE FOLLOWING BROAD AREAS:
(1) MEDICAL EFFECTS OF VASECTOMY
(2) MEDICAL EFFECTS OF FEMALE STERILIZATION
RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN ORAL CONTRACEPTIVE USE AND LACTATION.
(4) RELATIONSHIP AMONG ORAL CONTRACEPTIVE USE, NUTRITIONAL
STATUS (ESPECIALLY ANEMIA) AND CHRONIC INFECTION;
(5) PROBLEMS OF LOW BIRTH WEIGHT INFANTS AND PREMATUREITY.
GOPALAN APPROVED OF DISCUSSIONS AND ULTIMATE DEVELOPMENT OF JOINT
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PROPOSALS IN THESE PARTICULAR RESEARCH AREAS BUT INDICATED THAT
PROJECTS SHOULD NOT BE DISCUSSED IN THE FIELDS ALREADY
COVERED BY MULTIPLE CENTER STUDIES BEING SUPPORTED
BY THE ICMR. GOPALAN DID HOWEVER INDICATE THAT HE WOULD WELCOME ANY
ADVICE THE TEAM MAY HAVE TO OFFER FOR POSSIBLE COOPERATION IN
AREAS WHERE THESE STUDIES COULD BE SUPPLEMENTED.

3. THE TEAM VISITED THE FOLLOWING INSTITUTIONS IN INDIA AND RESEARCH PROPOSALS WERE DISCUSSED AS INDICATED BELOW:

A. THE ALL INDIA INSTITUTE OF MEDICAL SCIENCES (AIIMS), NEW DELHI- AN INTERNATIONAL STUDY ON VASECTOMY FOLLOWUP PROGRAM. THE STUDY WILL BE IN COOPERATION WITH THE STUDY CONDUCTED IN THE US BY THE POPULATION RESEARCH CENTER, NIH AND WILL USE A COMMON PROTOCOL. THE ICMR WILL BE THE OVERALL COORDINATOR OF THIS STUDY AT THE VARIOUS INDIAN CENTERS.

B. UNIVERSITY MEDICAL COLLEGE, DELHI-INTERNATIONAL STUDY ON VASECTOMY FOLLOWUP.

C. POSTGRADUATE INSTITUTE OF MEDICAL EDUCATION AND RESEARCH (PGI), CHANDIGARH:

A. INTERNATIONAL STUDY ON VASECTOMY FOLLOWUP.

B. LONG-TERM TUBECTOMY FOLLOWUP STUDY DELINEATING PROBLEMS OF BLEEDING AND PAIN FOLLOWING TUBECTOMY.

C. STUDY ON MEDICAL CONSEQUENCES OF SECOND TRIMESTER OF ABORTION.

D. NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF HEALTH AND FAMILY PLANNING, DELHI-

A. INTERNATIONAL VASECTOMY FOLLOWUP. THIS WILL BE A SEPARATE STUDY FROM THE ICMR COORDINATED STUDY AND WILL COVER DIFFERENT AREAS.

B. A STUDY ON TUBECTOMY RECANALIZATION IN THE FEMALE.

E. CHRISTIAN MEDICAL COLLEGE, VELLORE:

A. TUBECTOMY FOLLOWUP STUDY.

F. THE INSTITUTE OF OBSTETRICS AND GYNAECOLOGY, MADRAS:

A. STUDY ON TUBECTOMY RECANALIZATION IN THE FEMALE. THE STUDY WILL INCLUDE WHAT ARE THE MEDICAL EFFECTS AND A FOLLOWUP ON ANY BIRTHS AFTER RECANALIZATION.

B. ORAL CONTRACEPTIVES AND LACTATION.

G. WADIA MATERNITY HOSPITAL, BOMBAY:

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A. STUDY ON THE SUCCESS FOLLOWING TUBECTOMY RECANALIZATION.

B. A FOLLOWUP STUDY ON TUBECTOMY CAMPS - THIS STUDY WILL PROVIDE INFORMATION ON MEDICAL PROBLEMS FOLLOWING TUBECTOMIES PERFORMED IN RURAL CAMPS IN MAHARASHTRA.

H. INSTITUTE FOR RESEARCH IN REPRODUCTION, BOMBAY:

A. STUDY ON IMMUNOLOGICAL ASPECTS TO ORAL CONTRACEPTION.

B. INTERNATIONAL STUDY ON VASECTOMY FOLLOWUP.

C. VASECTOMY RECANALIZATION PROJECT IN THE BOMBAY AREA.

4. DISCUSSIONS WERE HELD WITH DR. TETUJA, DEPUTY DIRECTOR GENERAL, ICMR ON THE TEAMS RETURN TO NEW DELHI WHO INDICATED FULL ICMR APPROVAL FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF JOINT RESEARCH PROPOSALS IN THESE AREAS DISCUSSED. THE PROPOSALS DEVELOPED BY THE INDIAN INSTITUTIONS IN COOPERATION WITH THE US TEAM WILL BE PREPARED BY THE INDIAN PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATORS AND FORWARDED TO THE ICMR FOR GOVERNMENT OF INDIA TECHNICAL REVIEW AND APPROVAL. COPIES OF THE PROPOSALS WILL BE SENT TO THE US EMBASSY AND FORWARDED TO THE POPULATION RESEARCH CENTER AT NIH FOR REVIEW.

COMMENT: WE REALIZE THE POTENTIAL SENSITIVITIES INVOLVED IN HAVING US PHS ASSOCIATED WITH A STUDY ON THE MEDICAL EFFECTS OF VASECTOMY IN INDIA PARTICULARLY WITH THE NEW GOVERNMENT AND PEOPLE'S ADVERSE REACTIONS TOWARD COMPULSORY STERILIZATION WHICH WERE PRIMARILY ASSOCIATED WITH THE VASECTOMY PROGRAM. HOWEVER WE UNDERSTAND THESE PROPOSED STUDIES WOULD BE CONDUCTED BY THE ICMR MANAGED INSTITUTIONS AND SCIENTISTS. THE INDIAN SCIENTISTS WOULD PROMARILY BE COOPERATING WITH THE STUDY BEING CARRIED OUT BY THE NIH CENTER FOR POPULATION RESEARCH AND USING A COMMON PROTOCOL WHICH IS SUBJECT TO THE US FEDERAL LAW FOR THE PROTECTION OF HUMAN SUCJECTS BOTH IN THE US AND ABROAD. RESULTS OF THE INDIAN STUDY WOULD BE FORWARDED TO THE NIH. THERE WOULD NOT BE ANY US INPUT OF TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE OF FUNDS IN THIS STUDY. HOWEVER, GIVEN THE RECENT CHANGE IN THE GOVERNMENT AND THEIR STRONG OPPOSITION TO THE MASS STERILIZATION CAMPAIGN CONDUCTED BY THE PREVIOUS GOVERNMENT, THE EMBASSY LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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WILL CAREFULLY REVIEW US PARTICIPATION ON ANY JOINT PROJECTS RELATING TO VASECTOMY FOLLOW UP STUDIES.
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